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WEEK COMMENCING 23 AUGUST 2020 - YEAR A

DIVINE OFFICE: *Week 1*

21ST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

ST AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO - BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Feast Day Friday 28 August

You made us for yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in you.

In brief: St Augustine (354-430) was son of **St Monica**, born in Thagaste (Algeria). He studied rhetoric at Carthage North Africa, became a Manichean, and fathered an illegitimate child. He was **converted to Christianity** at the age of **33 years** and was **baptised** by St Ambrose in Milan. He became Bishop of Hippo Regius (a declining province of Roman North Africa, now Annaba, Algeria) and wrote and preached tirelessly against the major heresies and schisms of the early church. He was one of the most influential Doctors of the Church. His principles concerning the religious life continue to inspire Augustinian canons, friars and nuns. St Augustine was canonized by popular acclaim, and was recognised as a Doctor of the Church in 1298 by Pope Boniface VIII. His feast day, 28 August, is the day on which he died. He is Patron Saint of brewers, printers, theologians, alleviation of sore eyes, and a number of cities and dioceses.

Works: Augustine is probably best known for his *Confessions*, a personal account of his earlier life and conversion, and for *De Civitate Dei (The City of God)*, which he wrote to restore the confidence of Christians, which was badly shaken by the sack of Rome by the Visigoths in 410. In his *On the Trinity* he developed what has become known as the 'psychological analogy' of the Trinity, is considered of more doctrinal importance than the *Confessions* or the *City of God*. He also wrote *On Free Choice of the Will (De libero arbitrio)*, addressing why God gives humans free will that can be used for evil.

Famous Conversion: St Augustine of Hippo is the **Patron of brewers** because of his conversion from a former life of loose living, which included parties, entertainment, and worldly ambitions. His complete turnaround and conversion have been an inspiration to many who struggle with a particular vice or habit they long to break.

St Augustine, **son of St Monica (Feast Day 27 August, the day before St Augustine's)**, was born in Africa and spent many years of his life in wicked living and in false beliefs. Despite his Christian upbringing, and being one of the most intelligent men who ever lived, his sins of impurity and his pride darkened his mind so much, that he could not see or understand the Divine Truth anymore. **Through his mother's 17 years of prayer**, and the marvellous preaching of St Ambrose, St Augustine finally became convinced that Christianity was

the one true religion, though he did not become a Christian then, because he thought he could never live a pure life. One day, he heard about two men who had suddenly been converted on reading the life of St Antony, and he felt terrible shame. "Unlearned people are taking Heaven by force, while we, with all our knowledge, are so cowardly that we keep rolling around in the mud of our sins!" he cried. Full of bitter sorrow, Augustine flung himself out into the garden and cried out to God, "How long more, O Lord? Why does not this hour put an end to my sins?" Just then, he heard a child singing, "Take up and read!" Thinking God intended him to hear those words, he picked up the book of the Letters of St Paul, and read the first passage his gaze fell on. It was just what Augustine needed, for in it, St Paul says to **put away all impurity and to live in imitation of Jesus**. That did it! Then he began a new life.

Confessions: One of his best-known works, is autobiographical in nature, outlining his sinful youth and conversion to Christianity. In it, he writes how much he regrets having led a sinful and immoral life, and about his regrets for following the Manichean religion and believing in astrology, and of Saint Ambrose's role in his conversion to Christianity. The first nine books are autobiographical and the last four are commentary and significantly more philosophical. Showing intense sorrow for his sexual sins and writes on the importance of sexual morality. The books were written as prayers to God - thus the title - based on the Psalms of David; and it begins with one of his most famous quotes, "For Thou hast made us for Thyself and our hearts are restless till they rest in thee."

Prayer of St Augustine of Hippo

You are great, O Lord, and greatly to be praised.

Great is your power, and infinite is your wisdom.

You are worthy of our praise, though we are but a speck in your creation.

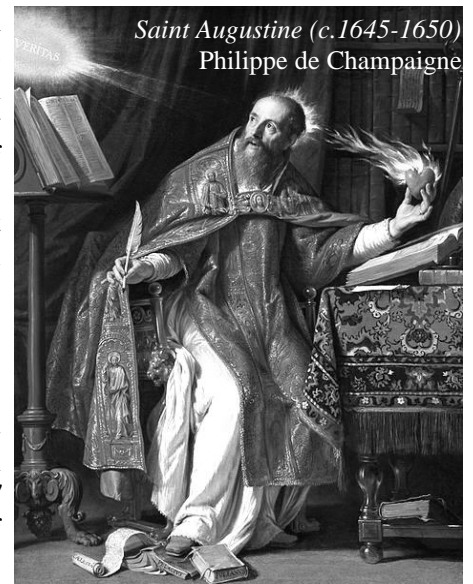
We wear our mortality, the witness of our sin, the evidence that you resist the proud.

Yet you are worthy of our praise.

You awaken our hearts to delight in your praise.

You made us for yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in you.

St Augustine: *Confessions*, Book I, Chapter 1



Saint Augustine (c.1645-1650)
Philippe de Champaigne

MASS TIMES WEEK COMMENCING 23 AUGUST 2020 **21ST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

SATURDAY VIGIL	22	5.30pm	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	
SUNDAY	23	9.30am 11.30am	St Peter's *POLISH* St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	For Mass intentions see printed copy
Monday	24		NO MASS	<i>ST BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE</i>
Tuesday	25	7pm	St Edward's	<i>St Louis / St Joseph Calasanz</i>
Wednesday	26	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	<i>Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God</i>
Thursday	27	10am	St Joseph's	<i>St Monica</i>
Friday	28	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	<i>St Augustine of Hippo</i>
Saturday	29	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	<i>Passion of St John the Baptist</i>

STREAMED MASSES IN OUR DIOCESE: <https://middlesbrough-diocese.org.uk/streamed-masses-in-our-diocese-2/>
MASS BY TELEPHONE Fr Cunnah: **Sundays & Holy Days at noon.** Phone 01642 130120 (Remains available after)
SIGNED MASS for the Deaf: 10.30am Sundays from Cardiff www.sphilpevans.co.uk/f.k/signed-mass and **6pm Saturday Vigil** - from Potters Bar: churchservices.tv/pottersbar
READINGS AT MASS & DAILY PRAYER OF THE CHURCH Links for these are available on our website & in porch.
POPE'S AUGUST PRAYER INT: *that families may become "schools" of true human development*

† **RECENTLY DEAD** Bill Murray, Claire Boyle, Franco Scarpa † **ANNIVS** Winnie Ross, Margaret Buchanan, Pauline Weech
MASSES RECEIVED FROM see printed copy
MASS COUNT last weekend: Sat 5.30pm **50**; Sun 9.30am (Polish) **51**; Sun 11.30am **90**; **Total 191**; weekday average **18**
OFFERINGS: Loose plate **£456** Gift Aid Envelopes **£534** average weekly Standing Orders **£614**; total **£1,604** **Thank you**
PLANNED GIVING To sign up for *Offertory Envelope or Standing Order giving*, contact the parish office

CONFESSIONS AT ST PETERS available at **side altar** on **Saturday mornings after Mass until 11am** or by request
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT/PRIVATE PRAYER 30 minutes before each weekday Mass, except Mondays

WELCOME ALL OUR HOLIDAY MAKERS AND VISITORS to our church.
FUNERALS, WEDDINGS AND BAPTISMS Contact Father Gubbins for guidance.
FEAST OF ST BARTHOLOMEW Monday 24 August: Apostle of Jesus, he was introduced to the Lord by St Philip. According to tradition, after Pentecost, he preached the Gospel in Arabia, India and Armenia, where he was flayed alive. He is thus the patron of tanners.
FEAST OF ST MONICA Thurs 27 Aug: St Monica was mother of St Augustine (**Feast Day Fri 28 Aug**, see front page article) and prayed for 17 years for her wayward son before his conversion.
FEAST OF THE BEHEADING OF STJOHN THE BAPTIST is this **Fri 29 August**. St John fearlessly condemned Herod Antipas' unlawful marriage to Herodias, his sister in law.
SUNDAY OBLIGATION continues to *be suspended* until further notice. Consider **coming to Mass during the week** instead of the weekend, when there are fewer people.
CANDLES of 2 hour & 7-day votive candles now permitted. **Use your own lighter**
OUR LADY'S GROTTA at St Peter's church is **open every day** to light a *free* candle.
VOLUNTEERS FOR ST JOSEPH'S needed for stewarding and sanitising AFTER morning Masses (see note below for additional Mass times in Sept).
PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday **2 September** after Mass
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS do keep in touch with parishioners who are shielding.
SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS can now be made at each of our churches. Suggested donation **£3**. The name of the dedication will be printed on the Newsletter.
FOGGING MACHINE/ FLUID to sanitize churches cost **£900.00**. **Donations of £200 have come in so far to help cover the cost. It's used to sanitize benches after each Mass**
RAINBOW CENTRE needs donations of non-perishable food for needy families.
BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE Names now being taken. (**£10 donation**) DOB/DOD
CONGRATULATIONS to all GCSE students on your results last Thursday
GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE at St Peters Church, Tollergate for burial of Ashes only. We have on order some *Garden Benches* which will arrive in a few weeks. This blessed ground can be used as a burial plot for your loved ones. The suggested donation is £100.
CHANGE TO WEEKDAY MASSES Mass on **Thursdays & Fridays** will be at St Joseph's, Newby **beginning Thursday 3 & Friday 4 September** for the present.
PARISH LOCKDOWN PHOTO COMPETITION photos on Parish / Facebook website
ST JOSEPHS BUNGALOW CONVERSION Still awaiting some quotes for our plans
SUNDAY SMILE: *Has COVID 19 forced you to wear glasses, and a mask at the same time? You may be entitled to CONDENSATION*

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTENDING MASS

- **No need to 'book'** in advance
 - Adults attending for the first time **must** fill in a Test & Trace form
 - The number of children is included as extras under adults' names
 - On **arrival**, give your name to the steward who will mark your attendance on the list
 - We cannot admit those unwilling to provide their full name and contact details (this is a legal matter)
 - Try to **arrive early to avoid crowding**
 - Observe **2-meter** & sanitising rules
 - Face coverings are now **mandatory by law** in public places of worship (see Government website for exemptions (links are on our website))
 - Toilets & meeting rooms remain closed
 - Do not touch statues or light candles
- TEST & TRACE** We are obliged to comply with Government Test & Trace, which states we must keep a record of **full names and contact details** of everyone attending church. Your details will be used only by the NHS in the event of an outbreak. Forms are kept for 21 days from the date of the last Mass attended, after which time they will be destroyed.
- REMEMBER TO PRACTICE SAFE DISTANCING & WASH HANDS**